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## PRESS RELEASE

### Second Educational Rendezvous - A Marketplace for Education in Macedonia

High school students will market themselves to future employers at Macedonia's largest student focused event—the second annual Educational Rendezvous. At the same time, 70 high schools will present their programs to graduating primary school students and their parents in an attempt to attract the best students. The Rendezvous is open to the public and will be held at the Skopje Trade Fair from April 19-21<sup>st</sup>. For more information please see [www.sea.org.mk](http://www.sea.org.mk) and [www.massum.org](http://www.massum.org)

The Educational Rendezvous is organized by students, for students. The Youth Association of Vocational High Schools in Macedonia—MASSUM—is the primary organizer, with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Secondary Education Project. USAID is part of the U.S. Mission in Macedonia.

The event links education with business. High school students will demonstrate their leadership and business skills through competitions ranging from writing business plans to public speaking. During the Rendezvous, MASSUM will hold its National Assembly and elect new National Leaders for 2007/2008.

The Opening Ceremony will be on April 19, 2007, at 11:00 AM, in Hall 1 at Skopje Fair. U.S. Ambassador Gillian Milovanovic, Deputy Prime Minister Zivko Jankulovski, ZELS President Andrej Petrov, Macedonian Chambers of Commerce Member of the Managing Board Elizabeta Ristovska Petrovska, and ELEM AD Skopje Deputy General Director Abdulahadi Iljazi will attend the Ceremony.

#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested more than \$450 million in Macedonia since 1993. More than 20 projects worth over \$20 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia's transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a modern economy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>

Last year the Educational Rendezvous attracted more than 10,000 students, parents and teachers. 1,200 students participated in competitions, while more than 3,000 primary school graduates visited the booths to choose which high school to attend.